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Applicants: D. Yu et al.

Attorney Docket No.: MEIP118201

Application No.: 09/990,238

Art Unit: 2623 / Confirmation No.: 1926

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Examiner: S.C. Chawan

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THREE DIMENSIONAL EDGE TRACING WITH Z HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

April 17, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows. An Amendment is enclosed herewith.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated October 19, 2005, set to expire on January 19, 2006, be extended by 3 months, to expire on April 19, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$1020.00.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	790
Total Claims	17	- 20 = 0 x 50 = 0			
Independent Claims	1	- 3 = 0 x 200 = 0			
Extension of Time			+ 1020		1020
TOTAL				\$1810	

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- X 4. Check No. 170048 in the amount of \$1810.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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